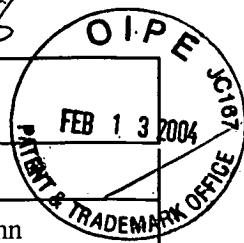


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER		Docket No.: 6270P0160US	
Serial No.: 10/041,833	Filing Date: October 19, 2001		
Group Art Unit: 3618	Examiner: Bryan R. Fischmann		
Applicant(s): Sprinkle et al.			
Invention: Tower and Boom Structure For Loader Bucket			



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment C for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action of November 10, 2003.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition for a _____ - month extension of time and the separate fee therefor is enclosed.
- No additional claim filing fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
			RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL 20	MINUS - 20	= 0	x \$ 9.00 =	\$	x \$ 18.00 =	\$
INDEPENDENT 14	MINUS - 13	= 1	x \$ 43.00 =	\$	x \$ 86.00 =	\$86.00
First presentation of multiple dependent claim			+ \$145.00 =	\$	+ \$290.00 =	\$
Total Fee				\$		\$86.00

- Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2970 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the claim filing fee.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$86.00 to cover the claim filing fee is enclosed.
- **Conditional Petition For Extension of Time:** An extension of time, if necessary, is requested to provide for timely filing of this communication.
- ☒ Other: Self-Address Stamped Postcard.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2970.

Date: February 10, 2004

By 
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AMENDMENT C

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This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of November 10, 2003, wherein the Examiner allowed claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 10-20, rejected claim 8, and objected to claims 3, 4 and 9.

In The Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

A utility vehicle having a front loader bucket includes shaped towers and shaped boom arms connected to the towers, and a sloped hood and a shaped fuel tank which all increase the operator's view of the bucket, wheels; axle and ground for close control of the utility vehicle bucket with respect to external structures and surfaces. The towers extend substantially vertically from the utility vehicle chassis to a mid-location wherein

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